

Storm Warning Sirens



Spring and summer storms bring turbulent and sometimes destructive weather to our area. Residents are hopeful that early warning is given in advance of these dangerous storms. One way the public is notified is by activation of outdoor warning sirens. These sirens are located throughout the community and are intended to alert anyone who is outdoors.

A common misunderstanding is that **storm sirens are not intended to penetrate inside houses or businesses**. The sirens will help those working or enjoying outdoor activities. Many visitors or residents don't have normal access to notifications if they are outdoors.

For anyone indoors, citizens should rely on media through radio, tv or weather alert monitors. The city offers notifications of accidents, incidents and weather by signing up with NIXLE at nixel.com.

Recently, cell phone apps have become popular for weather alerts, but they don't always know your location or the county you are currently in. If you are working or traveling away from home, the phone may only alert your home county, not your current location. The sirens are a simple way to warn the public that severe weather is approaching and to seek shelter.

There are 24 sirens located throughout the neighborhoods of the city. Weather conditions are monitored by the National Weather Service, the city Emergency Manager and by the Communications Center. Anytime the weather service issues a tornado warning or severe weather is imminent, the sirens can be sounded by the communications center or emergency manager.

Testing of all sirens is conducted each month. The siren test is:

The first Monday of the month at 9:30am (unless storms are nearby)

The Emergency Manager may be contacted by phone at 816-262-0682 if your neighborhood siren doesn't sound or for questions and concerns.

City of St. Joseph Siren Locations:

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| 1. 6500 Mack Street (Hosea School) | 13. 2600 Blackwell Road (Pershing School) |
| 2. 400 Smith Street (Smith and Buffalo) | 14. 5800 South 22nd Street (Spring Garden School) |
| 3. 3700 South 11th Street (South 16/11th Street Road) | 15. 33rd Terrace/Pear (Morningside Entrance) |
| 4. 1000 Pacific Street (10th/Pacific) | 16. 5025 Frederick Ave (Veterinary Clinic) |
| 5. 2200 Agency Road (36 Hwy Overpass) | 17. 3100 Leonard Road (Karnes/Leonard) |
| 6. 3500 Olive Street (West of 36th/Olive) | 18. 3458 Ashland Ave (Fire Station #4) |
| 7. 900 Charles Street (Parking lot) | 19. 600 South 50th (Missouri Western) |
| 8. 2200 Mulberry Street (Edison School) | 20. Goff/Marion (Eagles Ball Field) |
| 9. 4700 Schoolside Lane (Skaith School) | 21. 4730 South 169 Hwy (Eastern County Barns) |
| 10. 1500 Main Street (Old Humbolt School) | 22. 1900 Weisenborn Road (Lovejoy Homes) |
| 11. Frederick/Village Drive (Citizen's Bank) | 23. 5600 Diagonal Ave (Kirschner Park) |
| 12. Randolph/Ferndale (Bantam Football Field) | 24. 2202 Waterworks Road (Heritage Softball Complex) |

